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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 30, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A reply is due November 30, 2003 (Sunday), by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although Applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this document.

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A substitute sheet for page 9 is attached hereto with amendments incorporated is being submitted for the examiner's consideration.